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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: MacDonald *et al.*

Application No.: 09/586,981

Group Art Unit: 3762

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For: BIOREACTOR DESIGN AND PROCESS  
FOR ENGINEERING TISSUE FROM CELLS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7), and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please consider the remarks below. Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is a copy of the pending claims. Submitted herewith as Exhibit B is a Petition For Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

**ELECTION**

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action dated August 13, 2002 (Paper No. 7), the Examiner required Applicants to elect between one of the seven allegedly different inventions described therein. In accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants hereby elect Group 1, Claims 1-29, with traverse. This election is made without disclaimer of or prejudice to pursuing the non-elected subject matter in this or other applications.